

ABSOLUTE RATING: **Excellent**
IMPROVEMENT RATING: **Excellent**

Number of high schools with students similar to ours: 27. The absolute ratings for those schools ranged from average to excellent. For the improvement ratings, the range was from unsatisfactory to excellent.
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RATINGS OVER A 4-YEAR PERIOD

	Absolute Rating	Improvement Rating
2001	Excellent	Excellent
2002		
2003		
2004		

TENTH GRADE PASSAGE OF ONE OR MORE SUBTESTS OF THE EXIT EXAM

	Our School			Schools With Students Like Ours		
	1999	2000	2001	1999	2000	2001
• Passed all 3 subtests	77.7	79.3	79.6	70.8	74.5	74.9
• Passed 2 subtests	11.6	14.0	11.8	16.4	14.7	14.6
• Passed 1 subtest	6.6	4.9	5.4	8.1	7.5	7.2
• Passed no subtests	4.1	1.8	3.2	4.7	3.3	3.3

ELIGIBILITY FOR LIFE SCHOLARSHIPS	Our School	Schools With Students Like Ours
% of seniors eligible for LIFE Scholarships at four-year institutions	34.2%	27.5%
% of seniors who met the SAT requirement	35.1%	29.2%
% of seniors who met the grade point average	67.1%	55.6%

Beginning in 2003, the graduation rate for each high school will be included in the school rating.

PERFORMANCE BY STUDENT GROUPS

Student Group	Seniors		
	Exit Exam Passage Rate by Spring 2001	Eligibility for LIFE Scholarships	Graduation Rate
All students	93.3%	34.2%	N/A until 2003
Students with disabilities other than speech	70.6%	0.0%	
Students without disabilities	94.6%	35.1%	
Gender			
Male	93.5%	26.2%	
Female	93.0%	40.8%	
Ethnic Group			
African American	60.0%	0.0%	
Hispanic	100.0%	0.0%	
White	95.6%	33.2%	
Other	100.0%	100.0%	
Lunch Status			
Free/reduced-price lunch	75.0%	12.5%	
Pay for lunch	94.9%	35.8%	

STUDENTS IN CAREER AND TECHNOLOGY COURSES

Mastering core competencies	59.0%
Completers placed	100.0%
Eligible students enrolled	52.7%

SCHOOL PROFILE

INDICATORS OF SCHOOL PERFORMANCE

	Our School	Change from Last Year	Schools with Students Like Ours	Median High School
SCHOOL				
• Dollars spent per student	\$4,530	N/A	\$4,930	\$5,668
• Prime instructional time	91.3%	Up from 90.8%	91.1%	90.1%
• Student-teacher ratio	26.5 to 1	N/A	26.7 to 1	25.1 to 1
STUDENTS (n=1,481)				
• Advanced Placement/ Int'l Baccalaureate Program Exam Success Ratio	57.4%	N/A	59.0%	40.0%
• Attendance rate	95.3%	Up from 95.2%	95.6%	95.3%
• Retention rate	8.6%	Up from 4.8%	7.4%	10.0%
TEACHERS (n=82)				
• Professional Development days per teacher	6.8 Days	Down from 7.1	7.3 Days	7.5 Days
• Attendance rate	96.5%	Down from 96.7%	95.8%	95.7%
• Teachers with advanced degrees	58.5%	Up from 57.5%	56.4%	49.4%
• Continuing contract teachers	86.6%	Down from 96.3%	82.2%	81.0%
• Teachers with out-of-field permits	0.0%	Down from 2.5%	3.0%	3.0%
• Teachers returning from the previous school year	92.3%	Down from 94.9%	87.5%	85.2%
• Average teacher salary	\$40,455	Up 3.9%	\$38,977	\$38,125

SCHOOL FACTS

	Our School	Change From Last Year	Schools with Students like ours	Median High School
SCHOOL				
• Dropout rate	4.2%	Up from 3.0%	3.1%	2.9%
• Percentage of expenditures spent on teacher salaries	58.6%	N/A	57.2%	56.4%
• Principal's years at the school	12.0	N/A	3.0	3.0
• Percent of parents attending conferences	60.0%	N/A	60.0%	60.1%
• Opportunities in the arts	Excellent	N/A	Excellent	Excellent
STUDENTS				
• Older than usual for grade	5.4%	Up from 4.6%	6.3%	10.1%
• Suspended or expelled	19	N/A	26	29
• Gifted and talented	7.9%	Down from 12.2%	10.5%	7.4%
• With disabilities other than speech	8.8%	Up from 7.0%	8.8%	10.7%
• Career/technology students in co-curricular organizations	0.0%	N/A	2.8%	4.5%
• Enrollment in career and technology center courses	780	N/A	498	350
• Career students participating in work-based experiences	41.0%	N/A	26.6%	23.1%



PRINCIPAL'S / SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT COUNCIL REPORT

Committed to excellence, Easley High School, together with home and community, cultivates each student's full potential through challenging, innovative educational programs in a safe and caring environment. EHS weaves a tapestry rich with history and tradition while offering the 1,530 students in grades 9-12 modern technology and current educational strategies. Special programs include 13 advanced placement courses; honors courses in English, math, science, social studies, fine arts, and foreign languages; multi-level fine arts courses in art, band, chorus, creative writing, drama, and strings; dual credit through Tri-County Tech; a leadership program; advanced journalism courses; Teacher Cadet and Teaching Assistant programs; and a nationally ranked Navy JROTC program. With SAT and BSAP scores above the state median, in 2000-01 EHS had 8 National Merit Commended Students, 39 honor graduates, and 4 honors organizations with a combined membership of 550.

Our students in fine arts, foreign language, science, and the SAT team won various levels of regional and state competitions. EHS received a SC Arts Curricular Grant for the third year, and 377 students participated in school and community service activities. EHS offers many extra-curricular opportunities, including three during 2000-2001: Central Spirit, First Priority, and Dance Team. Students participate on 34 athletic teams; 50 percent of the eligible teams in the 2000-01 season qualified for state championship competitions. Active booster clubs support the efforts of athletics, band, NJROTC, and strings.

Of our outstanding faculty, 3 are National Board certified, 4 are Advanced Placement Master Teachers, and 2 are consultants for the College Board. Last year other teachers presented at regional and state conferences, held offices in state educational organizations, and authored or contributed to books and publications. Our faculty has worked diligently to align the EHS curriculum to state and national standards and to continue accreditation by the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools. "Character first, then scholarship" has long been a thread woven into the fabric of EHS. "The Pride Shows" as students, faculty, staff, parents and community work together to give the EHS tapestry a vibrant hue of continual commitment to excellence!

EVALUATIONS BY TEACHERS AND STUDENTS

Percent	Teachers	Students	Parents
Satisfied with learning environment	89.3	71.2	(Avail. 2002)
Satisfied with social and physical environment	90.1	78.4	
Satisfied with home-school relations	85.4	81.7	

DEFINITIONS OF SCHOOL RATING TERMS

Excellent – School performance substantially exceeds the standards for progress toward the 2010 SC Performance Goal.

Good – School performance exceeds the standards for progress toward the 2010 SC Performance Goal.

Average – School performance meets the standards for progress toward the 2010 SC Performance Goal.

Below Average – School is in jeopardy of not meeting the standards for progress toward the 2010 SC Performance Goal.

Unsatisfactory – School performance fails to meet the standards for progress toward the 2010 SC Performance Goal.

Easley Senior High
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Grades 9-12 High School

Enrollment: 1,481 Students

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THE STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA

Annual School
Report Card

2001

School Grade:
Excellent



South Carolina Performance Goal:

By 2010, South Carolina's student achievement will be ranked in the top half of the states nationally. To achieve this goal, we must become one of the five fastest improving systems in the country.

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